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SUBJECT: CSCE: SOVIET VIEWS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION

1. AT MARCH 14 NATO CAUCUS MEETING, FRG REP REPORTED ON BILATERAL MEETING WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR ZORIN. SUMMARY OF FRG REPORT FOLLOWS.

2. THE GERMANS SAID THAT INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION IS THE CENTRAL ELEMENT OF THE BELGIUM DRAFT MANDATE ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. ZORIN RESPONDED THAT THE BELGIUM DRAFT WENT TOO FAR. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAS BEEN IN PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR SOME TIME ON BASIS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. THE STEP FROM BILATERAL TO MULTILATERAL COOPERATION WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE AT PRESENT. THE BELGIAN DRAFT ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION CONTAINS FORMULATIONS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET UNION, SUCH AS PROTECTION OF INVESTMENTS AND TRANSFER OF CAPITAL

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FUNDS.

4. DISCUSSIONS THEN TURNED TO THE DETAILS OF THE SOVIET DRAFT. WITH RESPECT TO THE " EUROPEAN PROGRAM FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION," ZORIN CLEARLY UNDERSTANDS THAT CSCE CANNOT REACH BINDING AGREEMENTS ON SUCH A PROGRAM. WITH RESPECT TO NON- DISCRIMINATION AND MFN TREATMENT, ZORIN DID NOT GO INTO DETAILS. THE SOVIET PROPOSAL, HE SAID, IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE SOVIETS ATTACH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE MFN PRINCIPLE. ZORIN NOTED LARGE MEASURE OF AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC- TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

5. THE GERMAN SIDE REFERRED TO THE COMMUNITY' S COMPETENCE FOR TARIFF QUESTION. IF TRADE POLICY PRINCIPLES ARE TO BE DISCUSSED, THE TRANSFER OF TRADE POLICY NEGOTIATING COMPETENCE TO THE COMMUNITY AS FROM JANUARY 1, 1973 MUST BE MENTIONED DURING MPT DISCUSSIONS.

6. COMMENT: APPARENTLY ZORIN, NOT MENDELEVICH, WILL BE HANDLING BASKETS TWO (ECONOMIC COOPERATION) AND THREE (HUMAN CONTACTS.)
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